

Just another Austin Chummy, BUT !!

This 1926 Austin Chummy is the only Austin Seven in Iceland. The car had a registration number YP7852 when originally registered in the UK. I still have the plates, however other plates must be used in Iceland, the law you know!? The car was exported from UK to USA somewhere between 1975 and 1980. It remained for 20 years or so in the private museum of Mr Sam Del Russo in Florida, when Mr Sam Del Russo passed away, it was sold along with his other cars in the collection. He had many cars in his collection, his wife told me the Austin Chummy was his favourite car.

Mr Russo bought the car from Big Kids Toys Inc, Sarasota Florida on the 8th November 1994 it changed hands for the sum of \$9,000, at that time. I had it shipped to Iceland in August 2005, it was running but in need for a restoration. I completed the restoration the following winter with the help of many of my friends. It is believed to have the

original body shell, gearbox, engine, chassis, and more. This car has had at least one restoration before.



It is now in fine order, (except the starter bendix is a bit worn), I use her during the summer time in Reykjavík area for ice cream trips, weddings in the family, and just to have fun. I restored the car knowing that it is not in totally original colours, I have kept the brass lights and other parts unpainted. As I like to show the beautiful shining brass parts.

This nice little car brings smiles and joy to many people every time it is running on the streets. Sometimes other drivers follow me home to ask about the car. It has the number plate GB 1926 because it was made in Great Britain in 1926. The number plates are like original Icelandic number plates from that time.

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